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CHAPTER 15

THAT'S MIE...

...RIGHT?

YEAH, MAYBE A LITTLE ONE.

WH- WHAT'S UP, MIE? YOU OKAY? IS IT A COLD?

HER GLASSES ARE ALL FOGGED UP FROM HER BREATH.

O-OKAY...

I'M FINE.

I DON'T THINK IT'S SERIOUS THOUGH.

AWW, GOSH! WELL, MIE'S CUTE NO MATTER WHAT SHE LOOKS LIKE.

IT'S KINDA HARD TO SEE.

DAH HA HA!

DUDE, TOKITA!

WHAT THE HECK?

KOMURA, YOU GOT A SEC?

UH, YEAH?

OKAY, OKAY, SORRY! YOU GOT A COLD?

NAH HA HA HA!

SHUT UP! I CAN'T HELP IT.

YOUR GLASSES ARE ALL FOGGY, MAN. YOU LOOK SKETCH!

SHE LOOKS SO SKETCH. TOO FUNNY.

PFFT!

WILL YOU SHUT UP?!

NAH HA HA HA!

DUDE, I CAN'T. IT'S JUST TOO FUNNY.

HUH?

...I...

...FOR-GOT THEM.

UH, BUT YOU JUST HAD TH—

I FOR-GOT THEM.

HUUUH?

M-MIE, WHERE ARE YOUR GLASSES?

MIE, YOU FOR REAL FORGOT YOUR GLASSES AGAIN?!

WHAT IS THE DEAL WITH YOU NEVER HAVING 'EM ANYWAY?!

MORNING.

CHAPTER 16

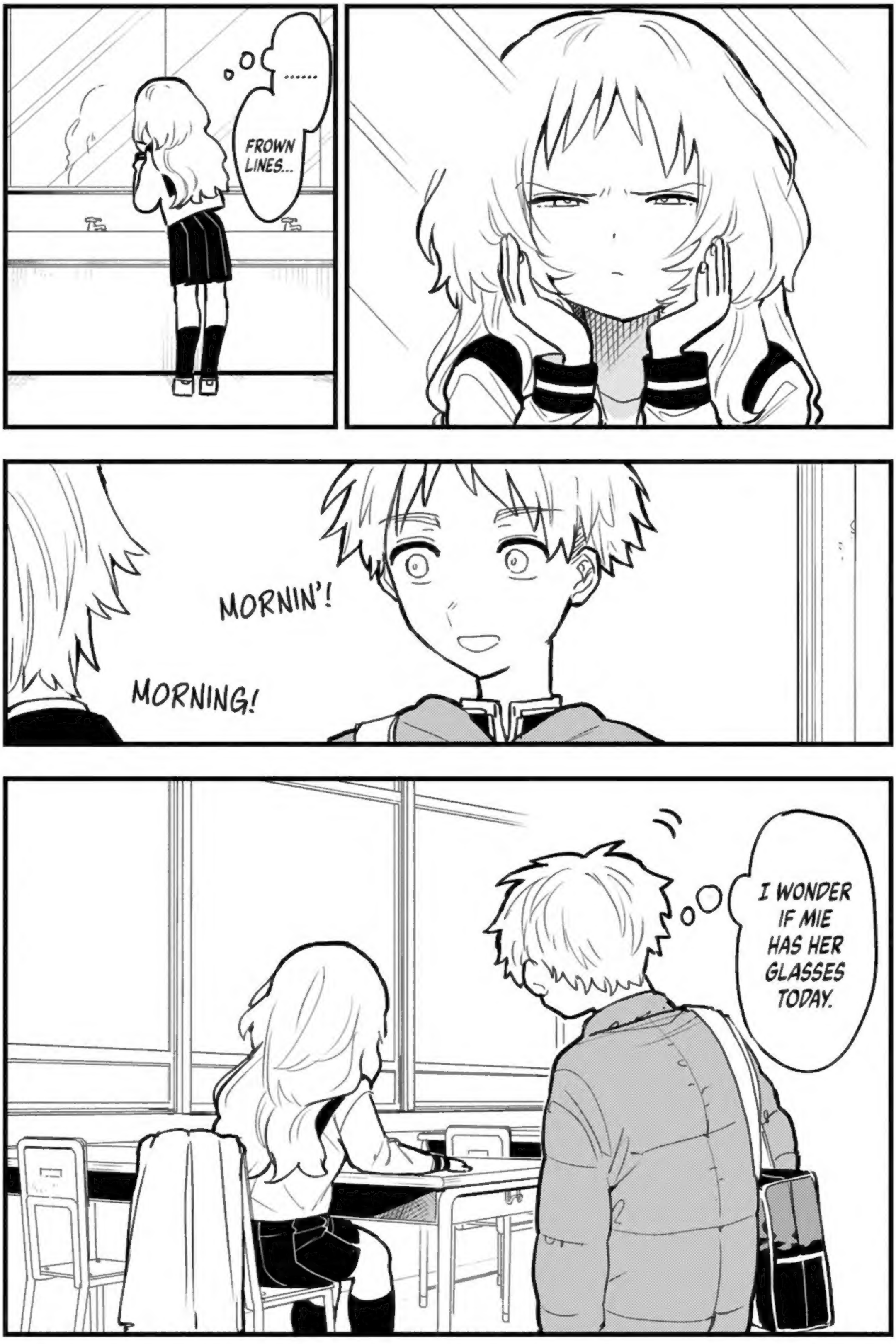
YEESH!

IT JUST KINDA HAPPENS.

HOW SHOULD I KNOW?

YEAH, YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE GLARING WHEN YOU DON'T HAVE YOUR GLASSES.

I'M WORRIED YOU'LL GET FROWN LINES BETWEEN YOUR EYE-BROWS!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FROWN LINES...
MORNIN'!
MORNING!
I WONDER IF MIE HAS HER GLASSES TODAY.

SQUINT

GOOD MORNING, KOMURA.

UH, MORN-IN'

YEAH, NO. TOO HARD TO SEE.

I JUST THOUGHT I'D TRY SOMETHING TO AVOID GETTING FROWN LINES.

KOMURA WOULD TREASURE THAT MEMORY FOR THE REST OF HIS LIFE.

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CHAPTER 17

I REALLY DON'T THINK I CAN DO THIS!

YOU'LL THINK OF SOME-THING.

WE'RE NOT EVEN IN THE SAME CLASS. HOW DO I GIVE IT TO HIM?!

HEY, WAIT UP!

C'MON, LET'S GO.

FLUTTER

...?

JOLT

OH! KOMURA?

WHOA, MIE!

SO SHE FORGOT HER GLASSES AGAIN.

CAN YOU TELL WHOSE IT IS?

IT'LL BE FASTER IF YOU LOOK.

I JUST FOUND THIS, UH... LETTER?

A LETTER?

PEEK

WELL, IT'S NOT LIKE I'M GONNA LOOK INSIDE. I CAN'T TELL WHO LOST IT UNLESS I READ THE NAME.

SHOULD I EVEN BE LOOKING AT THIS?

TH-THIS IS...!

To: Ren Azuma

...AZUMA!

THIS LETTER IS ADDRESSED TO OUR LADY-KILLER CLASS PRINCE...

IT'S A LOVE LETTER ...!!

AND GET A LOAD OF THIS THIRSTY HEART STICKER!

GRAB

AZUMA, HUH?

HUH?!

THANKS.

THE SENDER'S NAME ISN'T ON HERE...

NO, JUST THAT IT'S FOR AZUMA.

OH, UH...

DOES IT SAY WHOSE IT IS?

ACK!

RIGHT HERE!

YOO-HOO, AZUMA ...?

WHERE ARE YOU?

TODDLE TODDLE

AUUUGH!!!!

HERE...

WELL, THAT'S ALL.

AAAGH, EXPLAIN FIRST!

N-N-NO!

IT'S FOR YOU BUT NOT FROM HER!!

HUH?!

FOR ME?

FROM YOU?

OH NO, THIS IS BAD...

WHAT'S WITH THEM?

...?

MURMUR MURMUR

NO, NO! IT'S JUST A LITTLE MIX-UP! LIKE SMOKE WHEN THERE'S NO FIRE!!

SQUEAL

SQUEAL

AZUMA? WHAT ABOUT HIM?

OH, C'MON! DO YOU LIKE HIM?

SHOOM

MIE! MIE!

YOU'RE INTO AZUMA TOO?!

I THINK SHE MEANS SHE LIKES HIM JUST AS A FRIEND, BUT WORD'S GONNA SPREAD LIKE WILDFIRE IF SHE'S SO VAGUE ABOUT IT!!

UMM... I GUESS?

I LIKE HIM JUST FINE.

TIME TO REALIZE YOUR MISTAKE, AZUMA! YOU THINK YOU'RE SUCH A HOT-SHOT!

*KOMURA IS ALL WORKED UP, SO HE'S TALKING A LITTLE TOUGH.

TH-THAT'S RIGHT! THE LETTER INSIDE MUST HAVE THE SENDER'S NAME ON IT!

GO YOU!

YOU'D BETTER NOT FOLLOW ME!

OOH, YOU GONNA GO READ THAT, AZUMA?!

...?!
...?!?!

HEE HEE!

CRAP, I'M NOT A HOT GUY! I HAVE NO IDEA HOW HOT-GUY MINDS WORK!!

WH-WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT? DID HE REALIZE HIS MISTAKE?! OR NOT, IF THE SENDER DIDN'T INCLUDE THEIR NAME?!

YOU'VE GOT IT WRONG. WRONG, I TELL YOU!

?

I HAD NO IDEA YOU LIKED AZUMA, MIE!

LET US KNOW HOW IT GOES, OKAY?!

DAMMIT, HOW CAN I CLEAR THIS UP?!

...WAIT, WHAT IF IT'S NOT A MISUNDER-STANDING?

.....

.....

HE'S GOOD-LOOKING. HE'S SMART, ATHLETIC, AND NICE. I THINK HE EVEN HAS A GERMAN SHEPHERD...

I MEAN, THIS IS AZUMA WE'RE TALKING ABOUT.

IT WOULDN'T BE WEIRD FOR MIE...

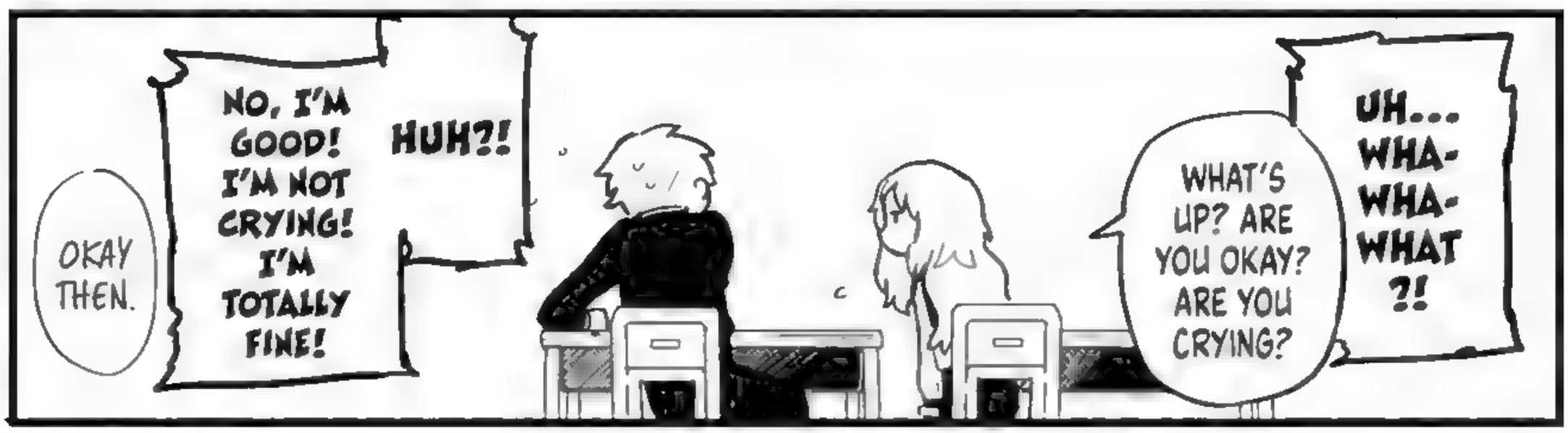
...TO HAVE A CRUSH ON AZUMA.

TAP TAP

...

WHAT'S IT TO ME ANYWAY? WHY AM I GETTING ALL WORKED UP?

FLINCH
WHOA!


OKAY THEN.
NO, I'M GOOD! I'M NOT CRYING! I'M TOTALLY FINE!
HUH?!
WHAT'S UP? ARE YOU OKAY? ARE YOU CRYING?
UH... WHA-WHA-WHAT ?!

UM...

HEY, MIE?

.....

.....

HOW DO YOU FEEL... ABOUT AZUMA?

WELL... UH...

WHY IS EVERYONE ASKING ME ABOUT AZUMA?

NOT YOU TOO.

N-NEVER MIND! SORRY, YOU DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER THAT!

WHY AM I EVEN ASKING?

BUT WHAT KIND OF "LIKE" DOES SHE MEAN BY THAT?

OH... OKAY ...

GOT IT...

I LIKE AZUMA JUST FINE.

I MEAN, IT'D MAKE MORE SENSE FOR PEOPLE TO ASK IF I LIKED YOU.

...AND I ACTUALLY DO LIKE YOU...

...KOMURA.

...UH, WHAT?!

WHY'S THAT?

HUH? WELL, I'M REALLY FOND OF YOU...

WHAT KIND OF "LIKE"...

...DOES SHE MEAN BY THAT?!

WAAAH!!

HERE. MY REPLY.

MIE.

GAAAH!!

SORRY, KOMURA.

COULD YOU READ IT TO ME?

FOR ME?

HE REPLIED!! WHAT NOW?!

THE HECK?! HOT-GUY BRAINS ARE BEYOND ME!

THANKS, KOMURA.

UH, WAIT, EVEN IF SHE'S ASKING ME TO DO IT, READING SOMEONE'S REPLY TO A LOVE LETTER IS KINDA...

I MEAN, IF HE REJECTS HER, I'LL TURN INTO ONE SERIOUSLY TICKED-OFF RAGE DEMON, BUT...

WH-WHAT IF HE ACCEPTED?!

AAAAAAAH!!

a crush on you too, Mie.

Komura has a crush on you too, Mie.

GRIN

KOMURA ...?

...SO I WENT TO THANK HER.

HMM? OH, TURNS OUT MIE JUST DELIVERED A LETTER FROM SOMEONE ELSE...

SO WHAT'D YOU TELL HER, AZUMA?!

THE NOTE... WHAT DID IT SAY?

.....

.....

...UH...

IT WAS JUST A THANK-YOU FOR PASSING THE MESSAGE ALONG...

OH, THAT'S NICE.

IT OCCURRED TO KOMURA THAT BOTH THE ATTRACTIVE AND THE OBLIVIOUS WERE EQUALLY TERRIFYING.

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HOW DO YOU FEEL... ABOUT AZUMA?

UH-
HUH...

MORNING.

I SEE YOU FORGOT YOUR GLASSES.

CHAPTER 18

OH.

THAT REMINDS ME.

NOT MUCH OF A STREAK, HUH?

I WENT A WHOLE WEEK WITHOUT FORGETTING TOO.

1-DAY CONTACT

I LEFT THEM IN MY BAG.

CONTACTS ...?

AND TAKING THEM OUT WAS SO HARD, I'M A LITTLE TRAUMATIZED NOW.

HFF... URGH...

SHIFT SHIFT

BUT I DUNNO...

OOH, OKAY...

I HATE HOW IT FEELS LIKE THEY'RE MOVING AROUND ON MY EYEBALLS.

D-DON'T PUSH YOUR-SELF.

I'LL GIVE THEM A TRY.

BUT THEN AGAIN, MAYBE I SHOULD GET USED TO THEM.

MIE!

NOPE, NOT GONNA WORK.

I'M TEARING UP NOW.

SO DON'T WORRY!

I... I'LL...

I'LL PROTECT YOU! EVEN IF YOU DON'T HAVE YOUR GLASSES OR CONTACTS!

SNRF

I-IT'S REALLY FINE! YOU DON'T HAVE TO FORCE YOURSELF TO WEAR THEM!

BUT...

HI!
OOPS!
THAT WAS PRETTY HOT-BLOODED OF YOU JUST NOW.
SNIFF
THANKS, KOMURA.
HE DECIDED HE WANTED TO PROTECT HER FOR THE REST OF HIS LIFE.
SNIFFLE
THANKS.
HERE, USE THIS.

THE WRITING ON THIS LABEL HAS ME ALL CURIOUS.

OH, UH...

STARE

WHAT'S WRONG, MIE?

Yamazaka Winter Red Bean Bun Festival

1 point

CHAPTER 19

WHY'RE YOU SO WEIRDLY GUNG-HO ABOUT IT?

I WANT TO READ IT MYSELF.

WAIT, WAIT.

HERE, LEMME SEE.

YOU CAN'T READ IT? YOU FORGOT YOUR GLASSES AGAIN, HUH?

WHATCHA GOT THERE, MIE?

HRRRM... HMM...

LUNCH IS ALMOST OVER. MIGHT WANNA EAT FIRST.

OH, YOU'RE RIGHT.

HUH?

...OH!

KOMURA?

I THINK YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING ON YOUR CHEEK.

ZWIP

STOP!

FLINCH

I'LL GET IT OFF FOR YOU.

UGH! YASAKA MUST'VE GOT ME!

WHY THAT LITTLE ...!

ACK!!

THIS STICKER'S A LITTLE BIGGER.

Yamazaka Winter Red Bean Bun Festival

2 points

WHOA, WH-WHAT... DO I DO?

STARE STARE STARE

HUH? WHAT? WHY'S IT TAKING SO LONG? SHE'S NEVER STARED AT ME THIS LONG BEFORE...

...UH ...

MAYBE THIS IS BIG ENOUGH TO READ.

MIE?

STARE

MY MIND'S GETTING ALL FUZZY...

STARE STARE

SH-SHE SMELLS KINDA NICE TOO!

STARE STAR

JOLT

STROKE

YE EEP!

PEEL PEEL

"YAMA-ZAKA"...

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CHAPTER 20

LEMME GET A COFFEE.

WHOOSH

BRR, COLD.

HM?

KOMURA ...?

WAH!

M-MIE!

JUMP

I FIGURED I'D GET SOME HOT CHOCOLATE.

FORGETTING HER GLASSES SEEMS TO BE SECOND NATURE TO HER.

YOU SAID IT...

IT'S BEEN SO COLD TODAY, IT'S BRUTAL, HUH?

...

WILL YOU BE OKAY? CAN YOU BUY IT ON YOUR OWN?!

GASP

M-MIE!

TEE-HEE!

"CAN YOU BUY IT ON YOUR OWN?!" WHAT A MOM THING TO SAY, KOMURA.

UH, SORRY ABOUT THAT...

OF COURSE.

I CAN AT LEAST TELL WHICH LABELS ARE HOT AND COLD.

R-RIGHT...

'COS THEY'RE RED AND BLUE.

OH. YOU GOT BLACK COFFEE.

IT'S BITTER.

WHAT THE...? WHAT IS THIS?

WHAT DO I DO WITH THIS?

THAT'S A BIG GENER-ALIZA-TION.

THE WORLD IS FULL OF PITFALLS, HUH?

M-MIE?!

BLEH!

CAN YOU DRINK BLACK COFFEE, KOMURA?

PLEASE! ALLOW ME...

I'LL DO IT!

UH, I-!

OH, YOU'RE NOT A FAN?

SORRY, I'LL DRINK IT MYS—

...LIPS TOUCHED THIS...

HER...

HERE YOU GO.

SO YOU DO LIKE THIS STUFF? PHEW!

THE IMAGINARY FATHER-IN-LAW IN HIS HEAD PROBABLY WOULDN'T HAVE ALLOWED IT ANYWAY.

NATURALLY, KOMURA COULDN'T GO THERE.

AH. YOU TOO, HUH?

...UM... YOU KNOW, I DON'T LIKE MY COFFEE BLACK EITHER.

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STARE

OKAY!

WE'RE OUT OF KETCHUP. CAN YOU GO BUY SOME?

KAEDE?

Valentine's Day 2/14

...

VALENTINE'S DAY IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER, HUH?

BRR BRR

CHAPTER 21

YEAH, RIGHT!

IF ONLY I COULD GET CHOCOLATES FROM MIE...

DID SOMEONE JUST CALL ME?

AGH!

Fall
HUH?
KOMURA?
M-M-M-M-MIE?!

OOOOH, SHE'S NOT WEARING HER UNIFORM! SHE'S IN A WINTER OUTFIT!
I CAN'T BELIEVE I GOT TO RUN INTO HER IN TOWN.

WHAT A COINKY-DINK.
DOING SOME SHOPPING?
Y-YEAH, GOTTA GET SOME KETCHUP...

AND I CAN'T BELIEVE SHE FORGOT HER GLASSES OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL TOO!

YOU CAUGHT ME.

IT'S TRUE, I'M EMBARRASSED TO SAY.

THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M GETTING AT, BUT...

YOU CAME ALL THE WAY HERE WITHOUT YOUR GLASSES? FROM HOME?!

WAIT! MIE...

ANYWAY, KOMURA...

YOU SURE?

2/14

Happy Valentine's Day

I'M FINE. I KNOW THIS AREA.

WHAT WERE YOU SAYING...

...ABOUT WANTING TO GET SOMETHING FROM ME?

AND IF SHE TURNS ME DOWN OUTRIGHT, I'LL HAVE TO DIE! I CAN'T LET HER KNOW HOW I FEEL...

SORRY, NOT INTERESTED...

GASP

UH, WELL...

SHE HEARD MEEEE!

IF SHE FINDS OUT I WANT CHOCOLATE FROM HER, I MIGHT AS WELL BE TELLING HER I LIKE HER!!

VALENTINE'S DAY ALL OVER!!

RUSHIN

Valentine's Day Chocolate Fair

Valentine's Day

SHE'LL FIND OUT!! HOW I FEEL!! IT'S ALL OVER!! MY LOVE, IT'S DONE FOR!!

THERE'S MORE THAN ENOUGH HINTS AROUND US FOR ME TO GUESS WHAT I WANT FROM HER!

FOR SOME REASON...OUR SURROUNDINGS ...

HUH?!

IS IT JUST ME...

...OR IS EVERYTHING RANDOMLY RED AROUND HERE TODAY?

...OH RIGHT! SHE CAN'T SEE!!

DID THEY RENOVATE?

I WAS DOING ALL THE TALKING.

OH, SORRY.

THAT WAS CLOSE...

WHICH MEANS SHE HASN'T FOUND HOW I FEEL ABOUT HER!!

I'M GLAD WE CHANGED THE SUBJECT, ONE WAY OR ANOTHER.

I... I GOTTA GET TO THE STORE.

MINE WANTS KETCHUP...

MY MOM ASKED TO ME TO GET SOME MAYONNAISE.

IT'S LIKE WE'RE MARRIED!

I'M WITH MIE! AT THE SUPERMARKET! GETTING GROCERIES!!

HEY, KOMURA?

MAYBE GOD IS ON MY SIDE TODAY...

WHAT A BLISSFUL COINCI-DENCE...

CAN YOU TELL WHAT THAT IS?

IT LOOKS LIKE... A KING'S TOMB OR SOMETHING.

Valentine's Day Fair

OH, I FORGOT TO ASK.

PERHAPS GOD IS MY ENEMY AFTER ALL.

UH, HMM, LET'S SEE...

HELLO, GOD? YOU CAN STOP NOW, GOD!

WHAT DID YOU SAY YOU WANTED FROM ME AGAIN?

UM, NO...
IT'S...
UH...
Valentine's Da
Fair
I'M SORRY IF I FORGOT.
WAS I SUPPOSED TO GIVE YOU SOMETHING?
THEY HAVE SAMPLES!
OOH, MIE!
NICE TIMING, LADY! I CAN CHANGE THE SUBJECT!
Fwip
WOULD YOU LIKE A SAMPLE?!

WHOOPS, I WALKED RIGHT INTO THAT ONE!!
Give the gift of heart-melting love to your Valentine.
Melty Love

MIE, THERE'S MEAT OVER THERE! MEAT!

YOU'RE RIGHT. SMELLS GOOD.

IS IT CHOCO-LATE?

SURE ARE! YOU KNOW, IT'S ALMOST...

ARE THESE ALL CHOCO-LATES?

GRRRRH!!

MAY I TRY ONE?

GO RIGHT AHEAD!

OH! PLEASE, HELP YOURSELF!

SHOOM SHOOM

...VA-

IS THIS WHERE THE CHOCOLATES ARE?!

GASP

I-I'LL TAKE ONE, THANKS!

C'MON, MIE-

SORRY ...

!!

ARRRRRGH

YOU HAVE REALLY WARM HANDS, KOMURA.

N-NO, NOT AT ALL!

ALL I NOTICED WAS THAT IT WAS SUPERSOFT.

MY HAND WAS COLD, WASN'T IT?

OH, BUT I GUESS IT CAN BE GOOD TO HAVE COLD HANDS...

...WHEN MAKING CHOCO-LATES.

OHHH. YEAH, THAT'S TRUE...

THE CHOCOLATE MIGHT NOT MELT AS EASILY.

IT'S ALMOST VALENTINE'S DAY, YOU KNOW?

HUH? YEAH.

...YOU'RE MAKING CHOCO-LATES?

...OH!

SO ALL THE RED STUFF HERE MUST BE VALENTINE'S DECORATIONS?

MAYO. OVER HERE.

MIE, I SEE THE MAYO.

AHA! AND THAT KING'S TOMB FROM EARLIER MUST HAVE BEEN A PILE OF CHOCOLATE BOXES!

YES, BUT... AAAGH!!

OH! KOMURA?

WAS IT CHOCOLATES YOU WERE SAYING YOU WANTED FROM ME?

WHAT DO I DO? PLEASE DON'T REJECT ME! I DON'T WANT YOU TO HATE ME, MIE!

SH-SHE FOUND OUT! SHE KNOWS HOW I FEEL!

...UH, HUH?!

OH... I GUESS ...

SO YOU LIKE CHOCOLATE TOO, KOMURA?

I WAS PLANNING TO GIVE THEM OUT TO ALL MY FRIENDS.

SO YOU'LL GET SOME TOO.

BUT I CAN'T DECIDE WHAT TO MAKE.

SHE DIDN'T FIND OUT HOW I FEEL.

.....

YOUR FRIENDS, HUH?

IN FACT, I DON'T THINK SHE HAS A SINGLE CLUE.

OH WELL. I'M HAPPY TO GET CHOCOLATES AS A FRIEND TOO.

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...THE DAY YOU MIGHT GET CHOCOLATES FROM THE GIRL YOU LIKE.

TODAY IS VALEN-TINE'S DAY...

YES. BECAUSE...

I'M CONFIDENT I'LL GET SOME FROM MIE.

...SHE TOLD ME AS MUCH.

HERE, FRIEND-SHIP CHOCO-LATES.

AS A FRIEND... ONE AMONG MANY...

OLIVA des OLIVA

CHAPTER 22

CHATTER CHATTER

...BUT I'M RELIEVED SHE'S NOT HAVING TROUBLE PASSING OUT HER CHOCO-LATES.

AS USUAL, MIE FORGOT HER GLASSES AGAIN TODAY...

HEY, MIIIIE!
"ME," HUH?
ME! IT WAS ME!
OKAY, MAYBE A LITTLE TROUBLE.
...WHO JUST GAVE ME THESE CHOCO-LATES?
...FRIENDSHIP CHOCOLATES, HUH?
ST- STOP IT. THAT'S MORE THAN ENOUGH.
THIS IS AN HONOR, OKAY?!
KOMURA.

I HAVE YOUR CHOCO-LATES.

TH-THANK YOU!!

KOMURA!

UH, YEAH ?!

JOLT

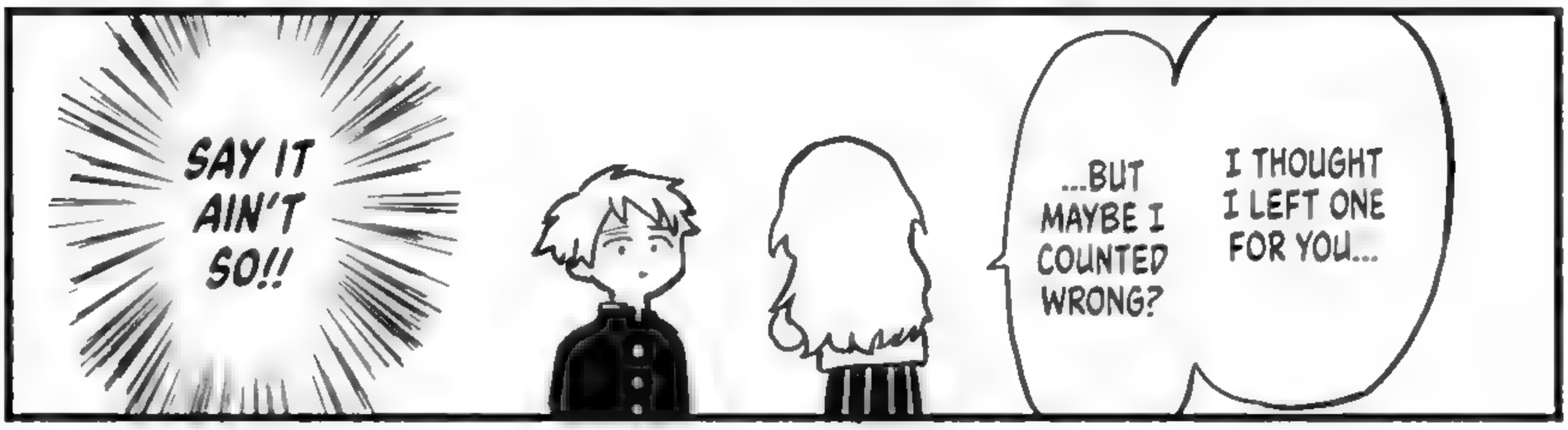
AHHHH, AND WHAT AN HONOR IT IS!

RUSTLE RUSTLE

I TRIED MY HAND AT MAKING TRUFFLES.

YOU KNOW, THOSE SOFT, CREAMY ONES?

UH...?
HUH?


SAY IT AIN'T SO!!
...BUT MAYBE I COUNTED WRONG?
I THOUGHT I LEFT ONE FOR YOU...

N-NO, DON'T BE! AT ALL!

IT'S THE THOUGHT THAT COUNTS.

I- I'M SO SORRY, I...

SHE SEEMS PRETTY DOWN ABOUT THIS.

I'M REALLY SORRY...

I'LL JUST LOOK FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR'S FRIENDSHIP CHOCOLATES.

...BUT THESE THINGS HAPPEN.

WELL, I'M FEELING PRETTY DOWN ABOUT IT TOO...

WELL, I DON'T THINK SHE'D GIVE ME CHOCO-LATES IN ANY OTHER WAY...

WAIT, WILL THEY...

...BE FRIENDSHIP CHOCOLATES NEXT YEAR?

...AND WHAT IF...

...SHE LIKED ME BACK...?

...BUT WHAT IF...?

WHAT IF I T-TOLD MIE I L-LIKE HER...

KO-
MURA.

LIKE I COULD EVER TELL HER HOW I FEEL ANYWAY...

NO, NO, NO! YOU'RE GETTING AHEAD OF YOURSELF! DON'T BE SO ARROGANT, KOMURA!

ARE YOU FREE AFTER SCHOOL TODAY?

SO... HEY...

UM...

YOU'RE MY FRIEND TOO...

...AND I HATE THAT YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO DIDN'T GET ANY CHOCOLATE.

H-HEY, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

SO...

...I WANTED TO AT LEAST GIVE YOU SOMETHING.

...BUT I DREW A BLANK...

SO I DECIDED TO COME UP WITH SOMETHING ELSE BY THE TIME SCHOOL ENDED...

OKAY...

UM, I KNOW THIS IS KIND OF A LAST RESORT...

SO YEAH...

...BUT I THOUGHT MAYBE I COULD DO YOU A FAVOR.

NUH!!

NO!

BUT STILL, I...!

THAT'S JUST ...!

WHATEVER YOU WANT.

NO, NO, NO! BUT, BUT, BUT...

I WANT TO SET THINGS RIGHT...STRAIGHT...? SET THINGS RIGHT.

ANYTHING. I GIVE YOU MY WORD.

BUT...

BUH...

UH-HUH?

...UH, OKAY...

THEN...

.....

I WANT YOU TO LISTEN...

...TO WHAT I'M ABOUT TO SAY...

I'M ALWAYS A BUNDLE OF NERVES...

SHE MIGHT HATE ME. I MIGHT DESTROY OUR FRIENDSHIP.

OF COURSE IT DOES.

MY FACE PROBABLY LOOKS PATHETIC RIGHT NOW.

...MAYBE I CAN TELL HER HOW I FEEL.

...WHILE MIE CAN'T SEE MY FACE...

...BUT RIGHT NOW...

...

STILL NOTHING?

I DON'T THINK THIS IS THE RIGHT TIME.

...I'M NOT GONNA SAY IT AFTER ALL.

...I'M SORRY.

MY VOICE WON'T COME OUT.

...OH!

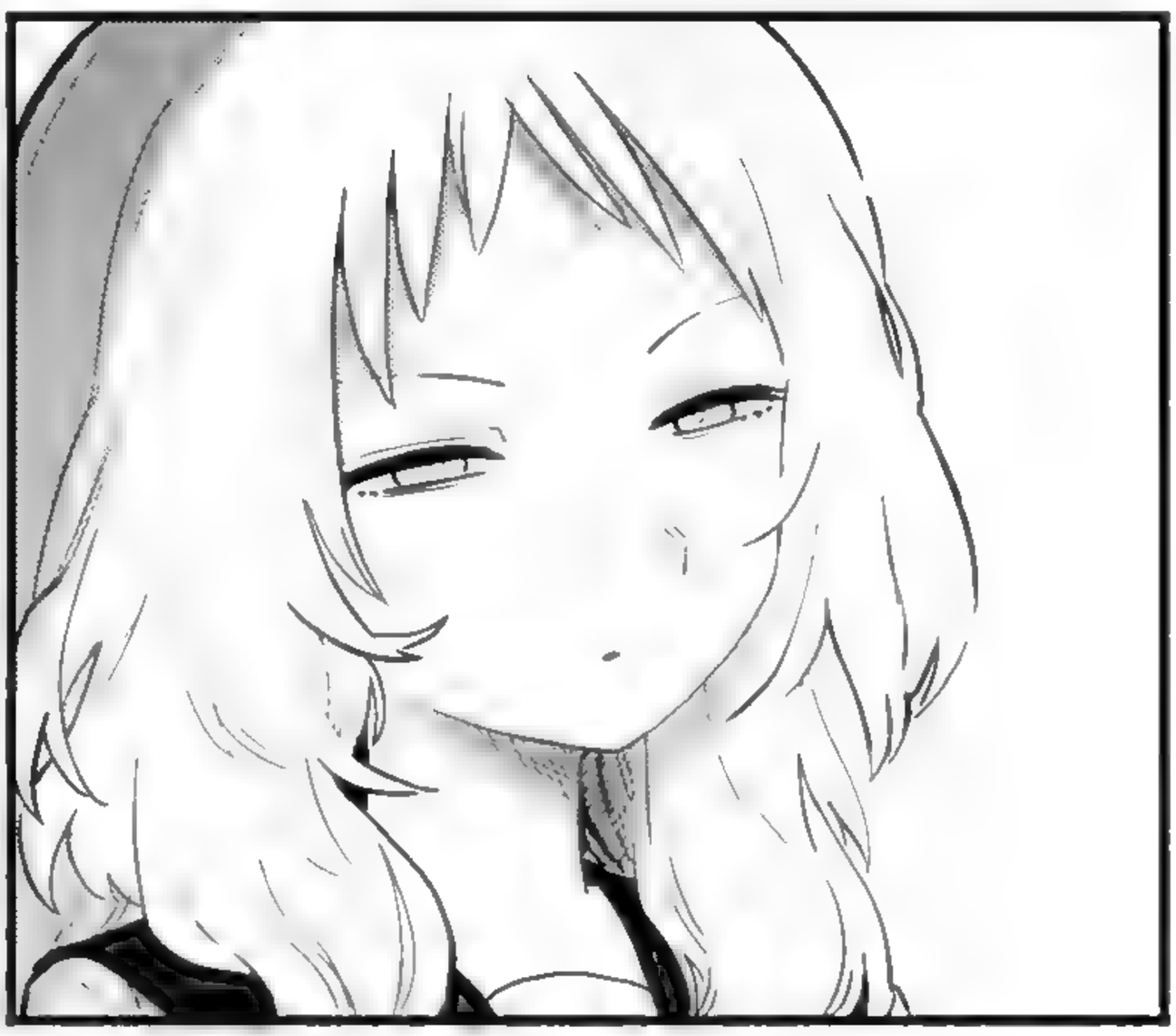
DO YOU NEED THE BATHROOM OR SOMETHING?

NO, THAT'S REALLY NOT IT.

I'LL TELL YOU... SOME OTHER TIME.

WHEN YOU CAN ACTUALLY SEE MY FACE.
PROMISE.

OKAY.



THAT MEANS...

...I NEED TO MAKE SURE I DON'T FORGET MY GLASSES AGAIN.

A-ACTU-ALLY...

...I'LL TELL YOU ONCE I'M MENTALLY PREPARED!

GOT IT. I'LL BE WAITING.

C-COULD SHE... ALREADY KNOW WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY?!

OH!

I FOUND SOME CHOCO-LATE!

I WAS SAVING IT FOR A SNACK, BUT...

HERE, FRIENDSHIP CHOCOLATE.

FRIEND-SHIP CHOCO-LATE...

NOPE, GOING BY THIS...

...I'M PRETTY SURE SHE HAS NO IDEA.

IT SOUNDS LIKE YOUR THING ISN'T EASY TO TALK ABOUT...SO TAKE YOUR TIME!

NEXT YEAR...

BY NEXT YEAR, FOR SURE...

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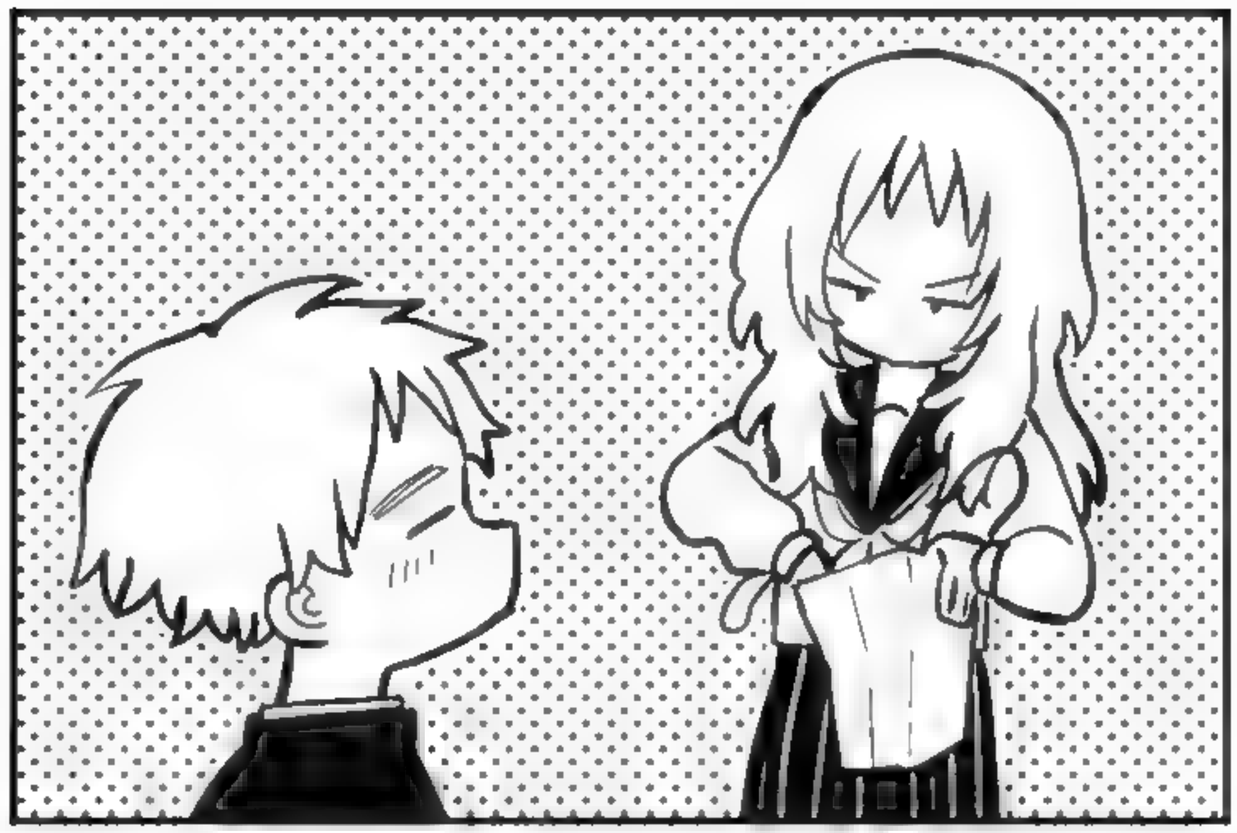

IT'S COOL...

SORRY, KOMURA.

CHAPTER 23

TRIPPED TWO SECONDS LATER

HOP HOP

DURING WARM-UPS, NO LESS...

I CAN'T BELIEVE I BROKE MY GLASSES ON TOP OF TRIPPING AND SPRAINING MY ANKLE...

WHAT'S UP WITH AZUMA?

IS HE CHEERING ME ON?

KOMURA, YOU SHOULD HELP HER TO THE NURSE'S OFFICE!

ARE YOU OKAY, MIE?!

WHAT THE ...?!

IT'S NOT JUST HER FACE THIS TIME, IT'S EVERY-THING... IT'S ALL TOO CLOSE! MIE'S TOO CLOSE!

I BET MIE'S NOT NERVOUS ABOUT IT ONE BIT THOUGH.

HUH?!

UM... I'M SORRY IF I'M HEAVY.

I'VE... GAINED SOME WEIGHT LATELY.

I DON'T CARE IF MIE WEIGHS DOZENS OF KILOS OR HUNDREDS OF KILOS.

*HIS LOVE WEIGHS ABOUT A TON.

...SHE'S WORRIED ABOUT HER WEIGHT?!

WAIT, THAT'S CUTE. T-TOO CUTE!

HUH? WHERE ARE THE CHAIRS?

NURSE'S OFFICE

SURE.

CREAK

OH, THEY'RE BURIED UNDER STUFF.

EEP!

SORRY, DO YOU MIND LEANING ON SOMETHING FOR A SEC?

I'LL GET YOU A STOOL RIGHT AWAY.

STARE

?

HEY, YOU'RE NOT HEAVY AT ALL.

M-M-MIE, THAT'S ...

THAT'S NOT THE BEST PLACE.

?

.....

...OKAY.

FORGET WHAT YOU SAW.

B-BUT YOU'RE REALLY NOT—

FORGET WHAT YOU SAW.

KOMURA.

CHAPTER 24

MORNING, KOMURA.

AFTER ALL THIS TIME, NOW YOU PULL OUT THE AIRHEAD CLICHÉS?

I FORGOT MY GLASSES AGAIN.

SLIP

ON MY HEAD?

AGH!

UM, MIE... UP ON YOUR HEAD...

SORRY.

I HAD NO IDEA THEY WERE HIDING THERE.

WH-WHEW, THEY'RE NOT BROKEN.

ULAA

OH.

UM...

B-BUT, HEY, AT LEAST YOU DIDN'T FORGET YOUR GLASSES!

WAAAAH!

Oops!

SHATTER

ZWIP

DO YOU MIND?

OH, SHE WANTS ME TO PUT THEM ON FOR HER.

...UH, WHAT?

? ? ? ? ? ?

IS SHE WAITING FOR A K-KISS? NO, THAT CAN'T BE... HUH??!

HUH?!

WELL, I'M NOT DOING ANYTHING BAD, SO...

...EVEN THIS DOESN'T SEEM RIGHT SOMEHOW.

FWIP

KOMURA ...?

THANKS.

HELLO, KAEDE KOMURA HERE.

I'M ABOUT TO BE LATE.

DASH

CHAPTER 25

HUFF PUFF

M-MIE!!

GRAAAR! I THINK I'M JUST GONNA MAKE IT...

HM?

DESPITE THE SITUATION, I'M HAPPY I GET WALK TO SCHOOL WITH HER.

M- MORNING...

HUFF PUFF

?!

G' MORN- INF!

UH... UH- HUH!

HUFF PUFF

GASP GASP

SHE FORGOT HER GLASSES, AND SHE'S IN A RUSH.

WAIT. SHE DOESN'T REALIZE IT'S ME.

HEE! HEE!

HEE! HEE!

WHEEZE

WHEEZE

SHE'S COVERED IN SWEAT TOO.

...HER HAIR'S ALL OVER THE PLACE.

C'MON, LIGHTS, HURRY IT UP.

HM?

HUH?

OH!

U- UM...

YOUR SKIRT...

!!

SHE STILL THINKS I'M A STRANGER, DOESN'T SHE?

OH, MY HAIR'S A MESS TOO.

MY THANKS.

MUMBLE

I REALLY DON'T WANT TO SAY GOOD MORNING TO KOMURA LOOKING LIKE THIS.

I WONDER IF I'LL HAVE TIME TO FIX MY HAIR.

HE AGONIZED OVER IT FOR A LITTLE WHILE AND WAS LATE TO SCHOOL AFTER ALL.

STAGGER

SHE'S WORRIED ABOUT WHAT I'LL THINK...

SHE...

FLICK

DID MIE LOSE HER GLASSES?

I'M PRETTY SURE I WORE MY GLASSES TODAY...

...SO WHERE DID I PUT THEM?

CHAPTER 26

HUH?!

BABUMP

KO-MURA!

WHAT COULD SHE WANT?

WE'VE NEVER REALLY TALKED BEFORE.

GREAT TIMING!

CAN YOU COME WITH ME A SEC?

OH, HEY... SOMEYA.

I FOUND THEM IN THE BATH-ROOM BY THE SINKS.

NAH HA HA!

THEY'RE CRAZY STRONG!

HUH? OH! I THINK... SO?

AREN'T THESE MIE'S?

PLONK

HERE YA GO!

SHE'S MESSING AROUND WITH MIE'S GLASSES.

YOU SIT NEXT TO MIE, DON'TCHA? GIVE 'EM BACK TO HER FOR ME!

WHAM

WHOA!

WOBBLE

SEE? TOLD YA THEY'RE STRONG!

...WHO IS THAT?

WHAT COULD THEY BE DOING?

TAK TAK TAK

OH, HEY, MIE.

AW, KOMURA! DIDN'T TAKE YA FOR A PUSHY GUY!

JUST KIDDING! MY BAD. YOU OKAY?

NAH HA HA!

SHOVE SHOVE

?

OH...

?

?

UH, SORRY ABOUT THAT.

DUNNO WHAT CAME OVER ME...

WHAT THE HECK, MIE? YOU'RE A LAUGH!

TOO CUTE!

GASP

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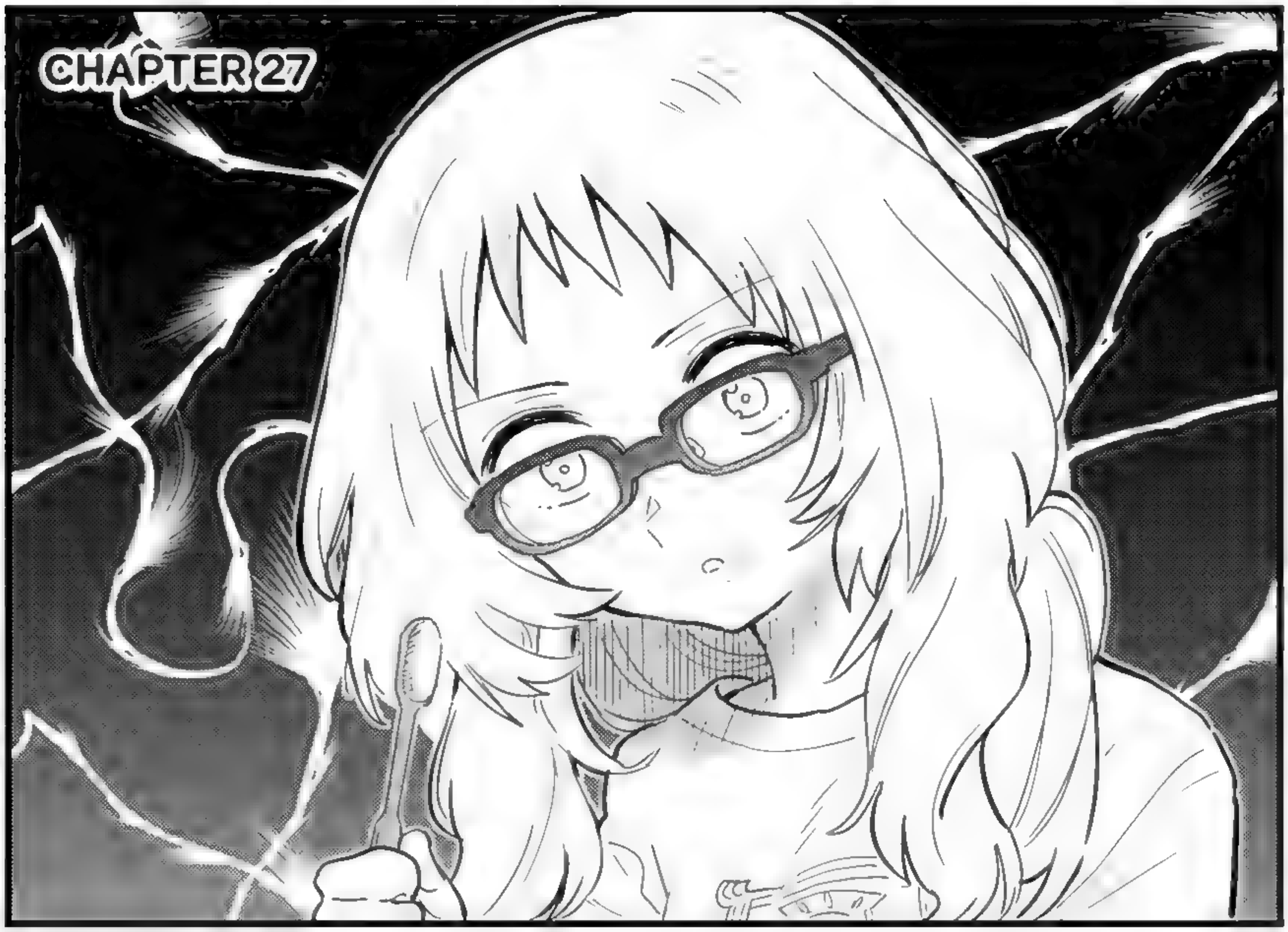
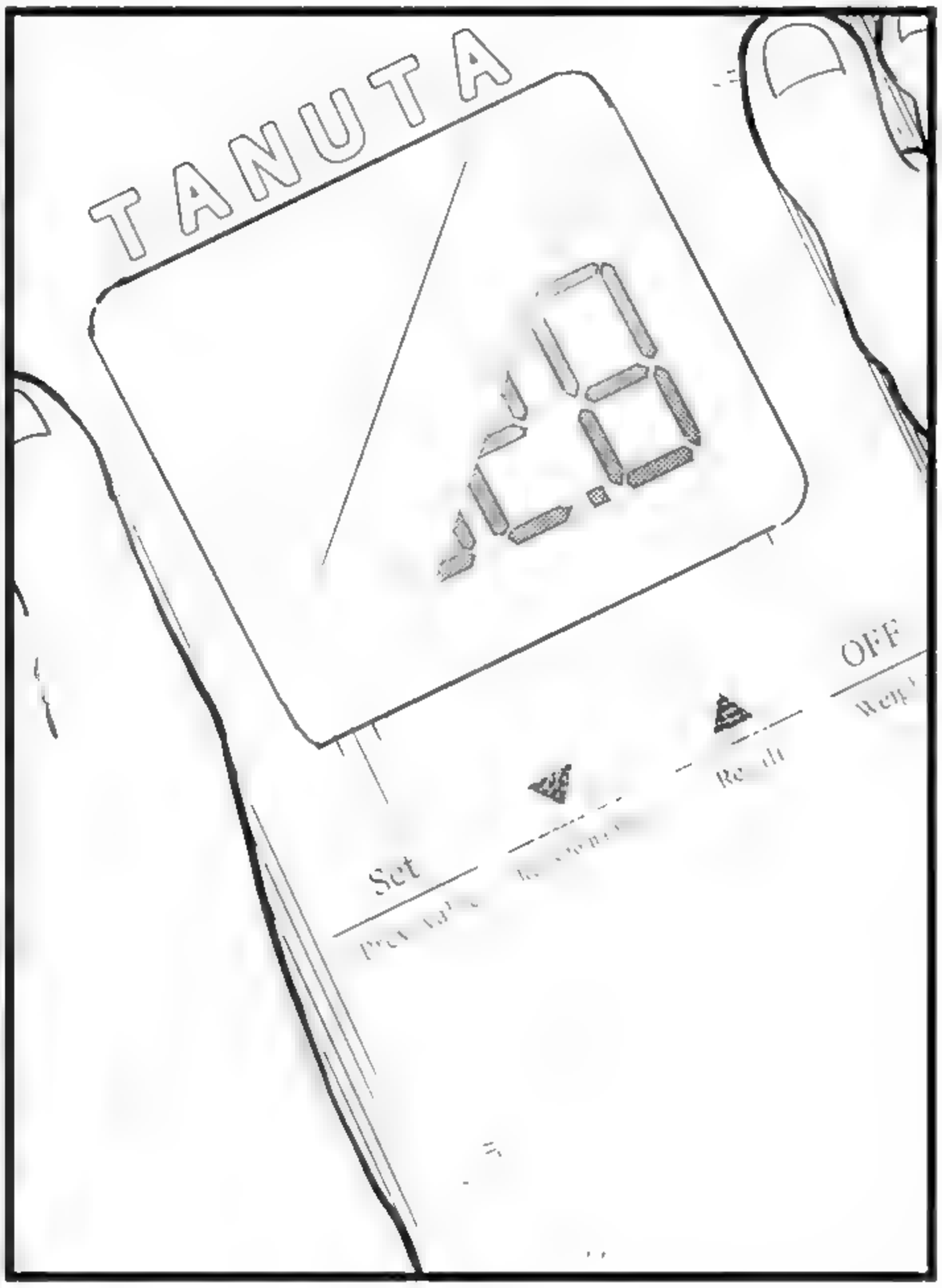
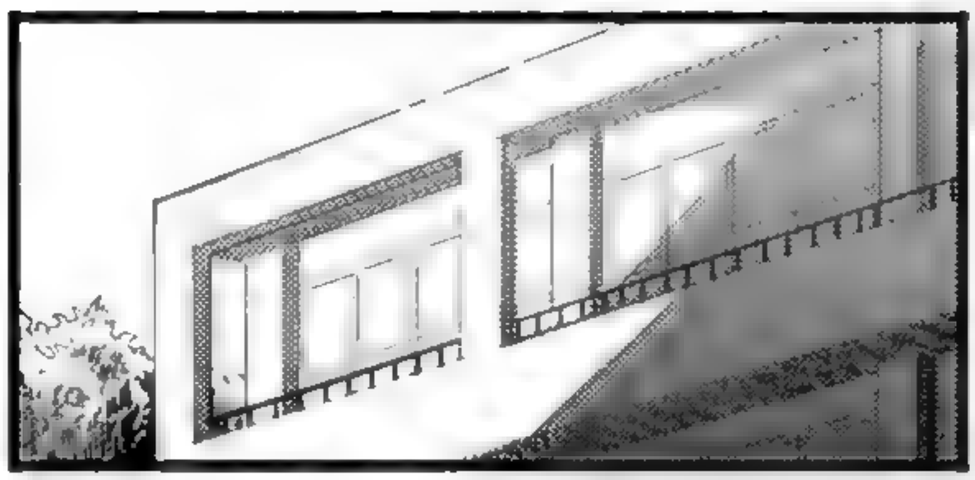
GASP
GASP

CHAPTER 27







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THIS...ISN'T CREEPY, IS IT?

I'M JUST RETURNING THE FAVOR. IT OUGHTA BE FINE.

I FOUND SOME CHOCOLATE!

A MONTH AFTER VALENTINE'S DAY...

...IS WHAT THEY CALL WHITE DAY. THAT'S TODAY.

...ING?!

...MUH-MORN...

STAGGER

HEY, MIE! GOOD...

YOU SEEM KINDA DOWN.

WH- WHAT'S THE MATTER?

MORNING...

OH YEAH?

...I DIDN'T HAVE MY MORNING COCOA...

MIGHT BE 'COS...

SHE SEEMS A LITTLE SLOW ON THE UPTAKE TODAY.

...AND...

...I FORGOT MY GLASSES AGAIN.

JOLT

!

YOU KNOW HOW IT WAS JUST VALENTINE'S DAY?

.....

I DECIDED I SHOULD LAY OFF THEM... FOR A BIT...

OH...!

WELL, I GOT A LOT OF CHOCO-LATES FROM MY FRIENDS ...

...AND I WAS EATING THEM...

BUT THEN...

IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I HEARD THE SAMURAI SPEAK.

SHOULD I APPEAR TO BE ON THE VERGE OF FALLING INTO THE DEPTHS OF GLUTTONY, I WANT YOU TO BE THE ONE TO STOP ME.

I WISH TO BESEECH YOU FOR AID IN THIS QUEST.

HUH?!

.....

THANKS.

UM, SURE. I CAN HELP!

I GUESS...

...I WON'T BE GIVING HER THIS...

HOLD OUT YOUR HANDS FOR ME.

!!

AZUMA!

GOOD MORNING, MIE.

WHOA, HEY, NO!

PLOP

FOR YOU.

WITH MY HEARTFELT THANKS.

HER NOSE FIGURED IT OUT BEFORE HER EYES.

GASP

WAFT

REMEMBER YOU GAVE ME FRIENDSHIP CHOCOLATES FOR VALENTINE'S DAY? I'M RETURNING THE FAVOR.

?

YOU GAVE OUT A LOT, SO I THINK YOU MIGHT GET A BUNCH BACK TODAY.

YEAH, BECAUSE IT'S WHITE DAY.

UH...

RETURNING THE FAVOR?

A BUNCH...

...OF SWEETS??

SHE'S SHOOK.

DIG DIG

TIME FOR MY ULTIMATE WEAPON.

I'LL DISTRACT MYSELF WITH A COUGH DROP.

RGH...

SMELLS SOOO GOOD..

I'M OVER HERE DYING TO GIVE HER MINE TOO!

N-NO FAIR, AZUMA.

M-MIE, WAIT!

THAT'S ONE OF THE COOKIES YOU JUST GOT!

SHWP

SHE DID IT UNCON-SCIOUSLY!

GASP

?

I DON'T THINK THAT'S THE PROBLEM HERE THOUGH.

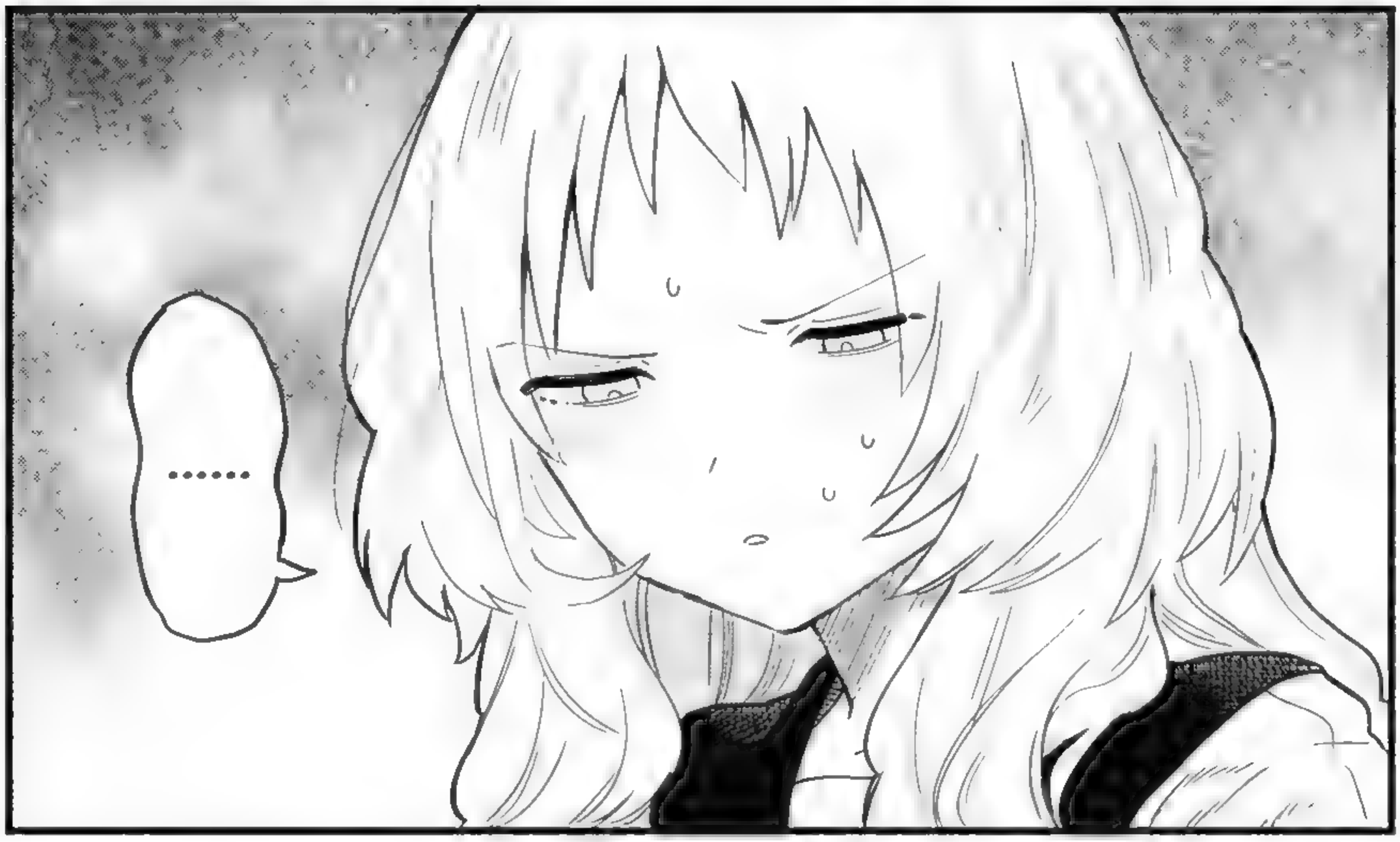
UH, OKAY. GOTCHA...

SHOVE SHOVE

NO.

I DIDN'T MEAN IT.

I MADE A MISTAKE... 'COS I DON'T HAVE MY GLASSES...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BUT MIE CLEARLY TOLD ME TO STOP HER IF I SEE HER TRYING TO EAT!
SHE MADE A POINT OF ASKING YOU, SO YOU'RE GONNA SEE IT THROUGH, KAEDE!

MAYBE SHE CAN'T HOLD OUT MUCH LONGER.

FLINCH

HUH?! HEY, HOLD IT, MIE!

O-OHHH...

I THOUGHT IT WAS ONE OF THOSE RING-SHAPED LOZENGES... 'COS I DON'T HAVE MY GLASSES.

I CAN SEE WHY YOU'D THINK THAT FROM THE SHAPE, BUT...

RING-SHAPED LOZENGES A.K.A. TROCHE

THAT'S A COOKIE! NOT A COUGH DROP!

HERE, MIE. FOR THE V-DAY CHOCOLATES.

WHAT THE...? SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT.

TH-THANKS...

W-WAIT, MIE!!

WE JUST MADE EYE CONTACT! I CAN SEE YOU!

SNEAK

PEEK

UH, N-NO, I DIDN'T MEAN TO...

I THOUGHT IT WAS A... UM, BLACK SUGAR COUGH DROP...

...'COS I DON'T HAVE MY GLASSES!

SHE'S...

...DOING IT ON PURPOSE!!

HOW ADORABLE IS THAT?!!

MIE... SHE...

SHE DOES THAT KINDA THING?

I HAVE TO HARDEN MY HEART!

NUH-UH! NO! I CAN'T LET HER BREAK HER RESOLUTION.

T-TO PREVENT YOU FROM MAKING ANOTHER MISTAKE...

...MAYBE I SHOULD HANG ONTO THOSE!

NO...

...BUTS.

UM...

BUT...

DON'T DO IT, MIE!! STAY STRONG!

ONE BITE...

JUST A NIBBLE...

WHAP

WHOA! HEY!

BUT...
BUT...

GET IT TOGETHER! YOU SKIPPED YOUR MORNING COCOA FOR THIS, REMEMBER?

!!

AAAIM!

...IT'S NOT RIGHT TO WASTE FOOD THAT SOMEONE GAVE YOU!

B-BESIDES ...

WAIT!

To Mie
From Azuma

IF YOU'RE GONNA EAT 'EM ANYWAY...

...HAVE MINE!!

FOR WHITE DAY?

I MEAN ...

UH... ERM...

.....

YEAH...

SORRY. I KINDA FEEL LIKE I'M PUTTING YOU ON THE SPOT.

U-UM... YOU REALLY... DON'T HAVE TO EAT IT.

RIP

YEAH, I-I'LL JUST TAKE IT BACK HOME.

I WANNA DISAP-PEAR.

LOOKS YUMMY.

CHOMP

IT FELT LIKE A WIN BUT ALSO A LOSS.

KOMURA WAS CONFLICTED, DEEP DOWN.

.....

THANKS, KOMURA.

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CHAPTER 28

GOOD MORNING, KOMURA.

...SHE USUALLY DOESN'T NEED MY HELP.

IN OTHER WORDS...

MIE FORGETS HER GLASSES ALL THE TIME...

...BUT SHE ACTUALLY REMEMBERS TO WEAR THEM MORE OFTEN THAN NOT.

AND THAT... MAKES ME A LITTLE SAD...

...BUT IT'S FOR THE BEST IF MIE ISN'T HAVING A HARD TIME.

HMM?

HUH?!

HUH?

PLUS, MY HEART WOULD GIVE OUT IF SHE WAS ALWAYS THAT CLOSE.

I SHOULD THINK OF THIS AS A BREATHER.

...I MAY HAVE FORGOTTEN MY BOOK.

UM, I THINK...

!!!

M-MIE...

SOMEONE'S EAGER.

I-I'M SORRY, BUT COULD I MAYB—

WANNA LOOK AT MINE?

WHOA!

WH-WHAT IS IT?

CLUNK

SORRY FOR THE TROU-BLE...

YOU DON'T USUALLY FORGET STUFF, KOMURA.

I'M GLAD I GET TO HELP YOU OUT FOR A CHANGE.

I CAN'T REALLY TELL WITHOUT MY GLASSES...

...BUT WHEN WE PUT OUR DESKS TOGETHER, YOU'RE ACTUALLY ULTRA-CLOSE.

HEY... YOU OKAY ...?

NOW?

AFTER ALL THIS TIME, SHE SAYS THIS NOW?

JUST SUR-PRISED ME, IS ALL.

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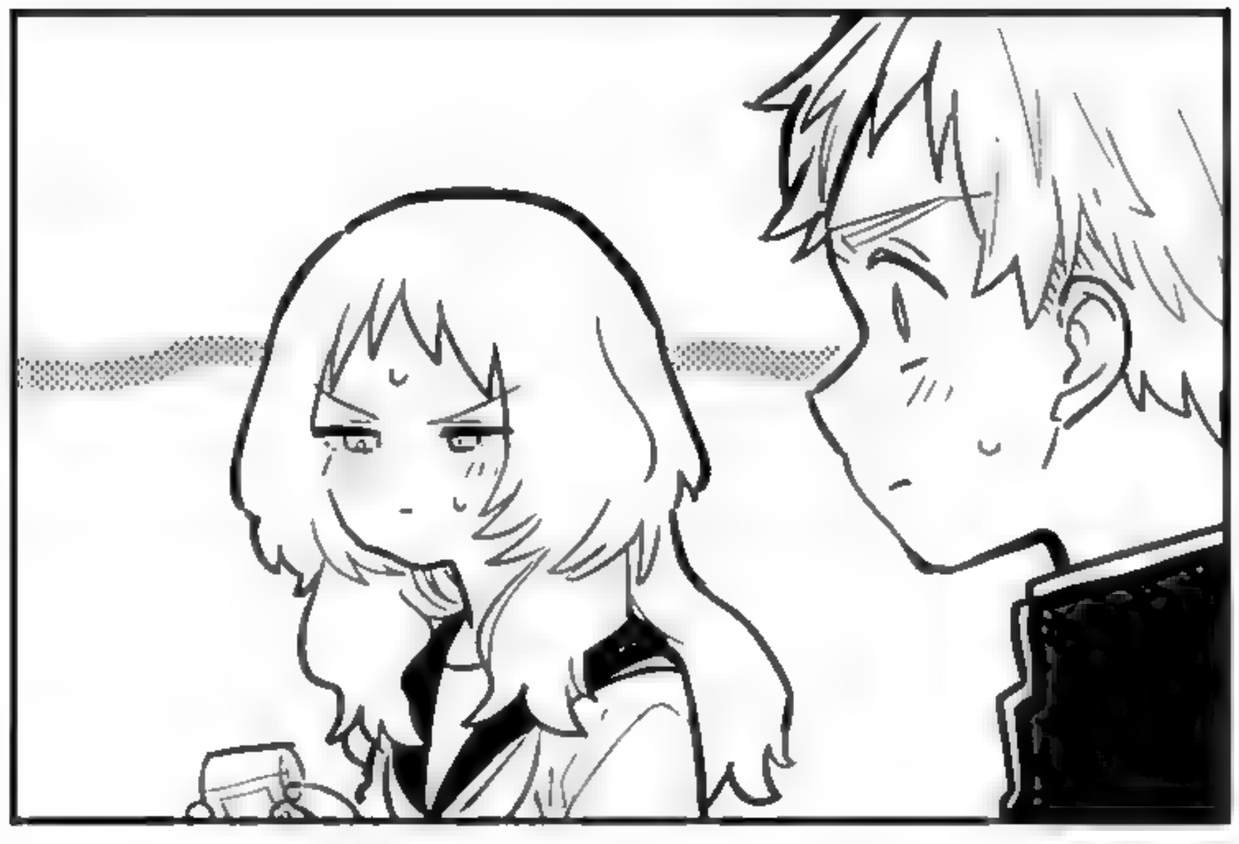

BONUS CHAPTER

THIS IS MY BACKUP PAIR.

THANKS FOR COMING WITH ME, KOMURA.

I LOST MY GLASSES THE OTHER DAY, SO I THOUGHT I'D GET SOME NEW ONES.

SO...

...I WANNA TRY ON A BUNCH WHILE I'M AT IT...

I WONDER WHY I GOT TO COME WITH HER AGAIN.

...BUT THE SAMPLE FRAMES DON'T HAVE PRESCRIPTION LENSES...

...SO I CAN'T REALLY SEE HOW I LOOK WITH THEM ON.

? ?

? ?

...BUT HE'S NOT AROUND TODAY, SO...

I USUALLY ASK MY DAD FOR HIS OPINION...

THE RESPONSIBILITY IS FAR TOO GREAT.

I'M...

...SUPPOSED TO PICK...

...MIE'S GLASSES?!

C-CALM DOWN, KAEDE. JUST RELAX...

THIS IS NO TIME TO BE NERVOUS.

I GOTTA MAKE SURE TO CHOOSE FRAMES THAT LOOK GREAT ON MIE!

HOW ABOUT THESE?

CRUD, I'M NOT GETTING ANYTHING BUT SYNONYMS.

I THINK THEY'RE SUPER-CUTE...

THEY'RE CRAZY CUTE.

THEY'RE VERY CUTE.

THEY'RE REALLY CUTE.

WHAT ABOUT THESE?

I SHOULD'VE BROUGHT A DICTIO-NARY.

IS THIS THE BEST I CAN DO?

THEY LOOK GREAT ON YOU.

OR MAYBE SOME-THING LIKE THIS?

ACTUALLY, IF THERE ARE ANY FRAMES THAT LOOK BAD ON HER, I'D LIKE TO SEE THEM.

GREAT

FORGET IT. THEY ALL LOOK GREAT.

ARGH! I FEEL LIKE MY COMMENTS ARE NO HELP AT ALL AND I'M ONLY COMPLICATING THINGS FOR MIE...!

HMM, WELL, OKAY...

UM, LET'S SEE...

MY FAVORITE LOOK ON MIE IS...?!!

I NEED TO COME UP WITH PROPER FEEDBACK. SOMETHING CLEAR AND CONCRETE!

KOMURA?

GOOD.

OH. I-I'M FINE!

YOU OKAY?

...UM...

P-
PERSONALLY...

...I THINK...
YOU LOOK
GREAT,
MIE.

...WHETHER
OR NOT...

...YOU'RE
WEARING
GLASSES...

...S-
SORRY.

I'M
REALLY
NO HELP
AT ALL.

THEN...

...I GUESS THESE WILL DO!

TEE-HEE!

MY USUAL.

IF I'M GONNA PROVIDE FOR MIE, I'LL NEED A STEADY INCOME.

X DAYS LATER

THE GLASSES I BOUGHT THE OTHER DAY...

I FELL ASLEEP WEARING THEM, AND THEY, UH... SNAPPED...

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Yamazaka Winter Red Bean Bun Festival

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Valentine's Day and White Day

In Japan, Valentine's Day is a day for girls to give chocolates to boys they like. A month later comes White Day, when boys can return the favor. In more recent years, people often give out chocolates to friends, colleagues, and relatives as well.

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kilogram

One kilogram is around 2.2 pounds.

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